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Congressman Dent introduces resolution condemning Iranian president's anti-Israeli rhetoric

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent (PA-15) introduced H. Res. 611 condemning recent outrageous statements about Israel made by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

On Oct. 26, Ahmadinejad said Israel should be "wiped off the map" and has more recently said the Holocaust was "a myth" and suggested the Jewish state should be relocated from the Middle East to Europe or North America.

Ahmadinejad has been a highly contentious and controversial leader of Iran since taking office earlier this year. He is a reactionary beholden to that country's unelected cabal of extremist clerics. He has reversed numerous reforms made by moderates who preceded him, and with his rhetoric put Iran on a collision course with the rest of the world.

Dent's resolution condemns in the strongest terms Ahmadinejad's statements and demands he repudiate them. The resolution also reasserts America's support for Israel as a free and democratic state in the Middle East, and reaffirms America's official view of the Holocaust as an undeniable historic event.

"Actions and statements like those by the President of Iran have no place in society, let alone by the leader of a supposedly civilized nation," Congressman Dent said. "The Republic of Iran has been and likely still is a state sponsor of terrorism and is a developing nuclear threat. President Ahmadinejad should spend his time examining his own responsibilities to the world before begrudging another established nation its right to exist."